



Weekly Views

Indiana Department of Correction

September 3, 2015



FOUR MCF EMPLOYEES AWARDED EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER! Ann Hubbard, Community Involvement Coordinator and PIO, was named Employee of the Quarter, Sgt. Peter Lapoint was named Supervisor of the Quarter; Ofc. Rodney Mygrant was named Officer of the Quarter and CAN Lauren Siblisk was named Contract Staff of the Quarter. These outstanding staffers set good examples for others, take part in special projects, exercise good judgment, demonstrate enthusiasm for work, demonstrate outstanding achievement, are team-oriented, display dependability and perseverance, have a positive attitude, communicate well with others and display professionalism.



ISF SMITHEREENS TOPS ALL IN PLANE PULL CHALLENGE! With a winning time of 5.228 seconds, ISF take the bragging rights for 2015! ISR was a close second with a time of 5.429 followed closely by IWP at 5.621. When it's all said and done the difference between 1st and 3rd was a mere .393 seconds. Special recognition goes to Edinburgh CF, a relatively small facility who secured a very respectable 5th place by posting a time of 5.837. Finally, if style matters then NCF takes home the Best Dressed Award.



Marching in single file they made black and hunter green not only look military-esque but, even a bit intimidating.

IREF'S RRRP RAISE BIG \$\$\$ Reformative Residential Re-entry Program (RRRP) continued its charity efforts by giving two big donations this month. The RRRP donated a combined total of \$2,000 to the Pike Junior Red Devils Inc. and the Mozel Sanders Foundation Inc., helping both programs in their separate efforts to train athletically talented youths or provide meals to Indianapolis' disadvantaged and hungry Hoosiers.



RCF GRADUATES 3RD CLASS FROM PEN/TELEVERDE! The ceremony included congratulations from RCF Superintendent Julie Stout, Mike Herron, of PEN Product, Jason Cortel, Vince Barsolo, Michelle Cirocco and Karen Fanning of Televerde and a thank you speech from graduate Marlena Bingham. Guests were served a delightful meal of Chinese cuisine including crab Rangoon, egg rolls, fried rice and a dessert of coconut cream filled cupcakes prepared by the RCF Culinary Arts class.



PROMOTIONS HAPPENING AT CIF! Superintendent Wendy Knight is pleased to announce the promotion of Sgt. Tim Upchurch to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Upchurch began his career on October 10, 1994 working virtually every post in the facility until being promoted to Correctional Sergeant in 2011. Lt. Upchurch has years of experience and the drive to make CIF a better facility as well as make staff better officers and supervisors. Congratulations Tim!




LJCF STUDENTS ARE GROWING UP WHILE GROWING FOOD! The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility students completed another harvest from their garden. The harvest included 3 varieties of tomatoes, 3 varieties of peppers, cabbage, cucumbers, and zucchini.

Once again the harvest was donated to the Emmaus Mission Homeless shelter. To date, the students have harvested and donated approximately 400 pounds of produce and dozens of ears of sweet corn. The Mission center was very appreciative of the donation and has helped them feed those that they serve.



WVCF PROVIDES QUILTS FOR LOCAL LIBRARY Jackie Storm, Wabash Valley PLUS Coordinator, delivered 25 kid's size quilts to the library for the youngsters. Super Hero's was the theme of this year's reading program and Jackie said the quilts will make neat capes for the super readers! The library crew didn't let Storm leave empty handed, donating lots of fabric to the PLUS Program which yearly makes thousands of quilts for those in need!

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Straight outta' Greenville Mississippi, Rev. Dr. Connie Hedges gives her all for the cause.



Don't believe me? Ask her about the time she broke her right shoulder as a CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) member participating in the stretcher relay race at the ERO Field Day back in 2007. It would turn out to be her most memorable day on the job.

"She was a trooper. Finished the race without a whimper." Remarked one co-worker. "I guess that's how she rolls".

Known for her southern accent and way of talking Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility's chaplain loves talking and conducting worship services and special religious services. When I asked her how she ended up at IDOC she gave me a warm smile and replied, "I came to Indiana to attend Anderson University of Theology to obtain a Doctorate of Ministry degree. They didn't have any fellowships so they sent me a list of organizations that hired their doctoral students and guess what, the IDOC was on that list!

Over the last 15 years Rev. Hedges admits that IDOC isn't for everyone. "Silent stress will wreak havoc on your mind and body if you don't find a way to positively handle it on a daily basis," she suggests. And through it all she says her personal motto, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me," gets her through the tough days.

If she was Commissioner for a day she'd change the uniform for students and try to find more money to hire staff so that no one would need to worry about more than one job. It was her belief that this was the primary cause of high turnover rate at juvenile facilities.

Connie spends most of her free time crocheting, reading religious research books and she sings and plays the auto harp (someone needs to encourage her to do a mini concert). But her favorite thing to do is participate to hunt for valuable objects at the thrift and junk stores as one of the Treasure Hunting Divas!

And a fun fact about this week's Employee of the Week is that before she gave her life to Christ she was a practicing Wiccan!

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND EVERYONE!



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